

**REMARKS**

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 17, 2009 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 28-74 remain pending in the above-captioned application. Claims 1-27 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 28-74 have been added. No new matter was added. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

**The Office Action rejected claims 1-27 under U.S.C. § 103(a) for allegedly being obvious over U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0178383 to Hrabik et al. in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,324,656 to Gleichauf et al., and further in view of several other prior art references including U.S. Pat. No. 7,359,962 to Willebeek-LeMair et al., U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0233438 to Hutchinson et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,088,804 to Hill et al., U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0087882 to Schneier et al., and U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0188191 to Aaron et al.** Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action's rejections and traverse these rejections. However, as noted above, Applicants have canceled claims 1-27, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, their rejection is moot.

As to new claims 28-74, Applicants believe these claims are in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

**CONCLUSION**

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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